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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Lottery's Biennium Sales Total \$25 Million**

BISMARCK – North Dakota Lottery officials announced today that sales for the 2003-05 biennium were \$25 million. As a result, the North Dakota Lottery's biennium profits transferred to the state general fund will be about \$7 million.

"Our mission is to maximize sales of lottery tickets with the highest standards of integrity, security, accountability, and public trust," said Chuck Keller, director of the North Dakota Lottery.

Over the past 15 months the Lottery has provided fun, three on-line games and conducted promotional campaigns to raise dollars for the State of North Dakota. "We will continue to work hard to raise dollars for the state. With every dollar raised by the North Dakota Lottery, the ultimate winners are the people of North Dakota" said Keller.

In addition, the Lottery has paid \$1.25 million in sales commissions to the 400 North Dakota retailers selling tickets.

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